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FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHES IN TOKYO AND MEXICO CITY

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TAGSC: IWC-1, EFIS, SENV

SUBJ: SPECIAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION AND CHILEAN WHALING

REF: A) STATE 202115 B) SANTIAGO 06597, C) STATE 183596

1. SINCE REFTTEL B, EMBASSY FOUND EL MERCURIO ARTICLE DATED JULY 7, 1977, WHICH REPORTED MACAYA BROTHERS PLAN TO LEASE WHALING SHIP "PALMY III" FROM PALMY CORPORATION IN PANAMA. "PALMY III" WAS SUPPOSED

TO LEAVE TAHITI ON JUNE 30, 1977. FOR TALCAHUANO, CHILE WITH A CHILEAN CREW CAPTAINED BY HECTOR MACAYA SILVA. PALMY III IS DESCRIBED AS A MODERN WHALING SHIP 45 METERS LONG, 8.80 METERS WIDE, 3.80 METER DRAFT (PUNTAL), 350 TONS DISPLACEMENT, AND POWERED BY A 1,680 HP DIESEL MOTOR.

2. EMBASSY RECONTACTED CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER WHO HAD DISCLOSED MACAYA BROTHERS PLAN TO LEASE MODERN JAPANESE EQUIPMENT ON AUGUST 24 AND CALLED EL MERCURIO ARTICLE TO HIS ATTENTION. HE REPEATED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SHIP IN QUESTION  
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WAS A JAPANESE VESSEL. THE ONLY WAY HE COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE DISCREPANCY WAS THAT PALMY III MIGHT BE JAPANESE OWNED BUT WITH PANAMANIAN REGISTRY.

3. BOTH EL MERCURIO ARTICLE AND ULTIMA NOTICIAS ARTICLE DATED JULY 16, 1977, APPEARED WHILE EMBASSY OFFICER WHO NORMALLY HANDLES WHALING MATTERS WAS ON VACATION. LATTER ARTICLE DISCLOSED

CHILEAN PLAN TO CATCH 500 WHALES PER YEAR. ARTICLE ALSO STATED  
THAT 89 0/0 OF ALL WHALES CAUGHT BY MACAYA BROTHERS ARE SPERM  
WHALES.  
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